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*In re application of: Robert A. Luciano and Raymond Bryan*  
*Serial number: 09/419,748*  
*Filed: October 16, 1999*  
*Title: PRINTER TEAR BAR AND PRESENTER SYSTEM*  
*Attorney docket number: 732.341 SDG.UA-Printer Tear Bar System*

Dear Sir:

The following is/are submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for appropriate action:

1. A Continued Prosecution Application.
2. A Continued Prosecution Application Request Transmittal.
3. An Amendment D.
4. A Version with Markings Showing the Changes Made – One (1) page.
5. A Fee Transmittal form.
6. A Credit Card Payment Form.
7. A return receipt postcard.

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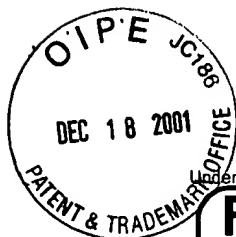
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## Complete if Known

Application Number **09/419,748**  
Filing Date **October 16, 1999**  
First Named Inventor **Robert A. Luciano**  
Examiner Name **Flores-Sanchez, O.**  
Group / Art Unit **3724**  
Attorney Docket No. **732.341**

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	690	201	345	Utility filing fee	
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee	
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	
108	690	208	345	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
<b>17</b>	-20** =	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Independent Claims	-3** =	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Multiple Dependent			

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### Large Entity Small Entity

Large Entity Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	78	209	39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)**0.00**

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	0.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	0.00
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	0.00
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	0.00
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	0.00
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	0.00
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	0.00
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	0.00
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	0.00
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	0.00
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	0.00
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	0.00
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	0.00
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0.00
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	0.00
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	0.00
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	0.00
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	0.00
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	0.00
146	690	246	345	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	0.00
149	690	249	345	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	0.00
Other fee (specify) <u>Continued Prosecution Application</u>					370.00
Other fee (specify) _____					0.00

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Patitioner's Docket No. 732.341

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re prior application of: Luciano, Robert A.; Bryan, Raymond  
Application No.: 09/149,748 Group No.: 3724  
Filed: October 16, 1999 Examiner: O.Flores-Sanchez  
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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)  
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(d))

1. This is a request for a filing of a continuation continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(d) of the above-identified prior nonprovisional application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTIONS 1.8(a) AND 1.10\*

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It is further requested that this continued prosecution application utilize the file jacket and contents of the prior application, including the specification, drawings and oath or declaration from the prior application, to constitute this new application, and that the application number of the above identified prior application be assigned for identification purposes. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(d)(2)(iv).

It is also requested that the above identified prior application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date accorded this continued prosecution application. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(d)(2)(v).

2. With respect to the above identified prior nonprovisional application, this continued prosecution application is being filed before the payment of the issue fee on the prior application. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(d)(1)(ii)(A).

The term for response or taking action in the prior application expires on December 19, 2001.

3. It is noted that:

- \* This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(d)(2)(ii).
- \* Filing of this continued prosecution application is to be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. Section 122 to the extent that any member of the public, who is entitled under the provisions of Section 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning either the prior application or any continuing application filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(d), may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning the other application or applications in the file jacket. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(d)(6).
- \* Filing of this request is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. Section 120 to every application assigned the application number identified in this request and that no amendment in this application may delete this specific reference to any prior application. 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.53(d)(7) and 1.78(a)(2).

4. This continued prosecution application names as inventors, the same inventors named in the prior application on the date this continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(d)(2)(iii) is being filed.

5. Attached hereto is an amendment to the prior application as it existed prior to the filing of this continuation prosecution application.

Please enter in this CPA application the unentered amendment under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116 filed in the prior application.

**6. Fee Calculation**

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a)
17	17		0		\$740.00

**7. Small Entity Statement**

Status as a small entity was claimed in prior application 09/419,748 filed on October 16, 1999, from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above)

Small Entity  
37 CFR 1.16(a)  
\$370.00

**8. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

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Filing Fee

37 CFR 1.16(a)  
\$370.00

**9. Method of Payment of Fees**

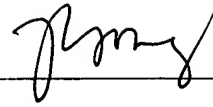
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**10. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

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**11. Instructions as to Overpayment**

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